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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the increasing scope and intensity of our war effort is producing a corresponding increase of casualties among our fighting forces. The number of these casualties who are being returned to our home country for hospitalization each month is increasing so rapidly that they are not getting the full care and personal attention which they deserve; and

WHEREAS more medical assistants and aides at the various military hospitals are urgently needed immediately. The plan has been adopted of having each state furnish sufficient hospital aides to care for its own casualties. This plan seems fair and reasonable but South Dakota is falling far behind in this kind of service. We are not furnishing our own sick and wounded South Dakotans the aid and attention which they deserve and should have; and:

WHEREAS the Purple Heart has come to be the emblem of those who have been injured in combat service for our country. It is a badge of honor and distinction and carries with it an obligation on the part of all of us to aid in every reasonable way the people of the Purple Heart:

NOW, THEREFORE I, M. Q. Sharpe, Governor of the State of South Dakota do hereby proclaim the period from March 15 to April 15, 1945 as

Purple Heart Month

in South Dakota and do hereby urge all of our citizens, public service clubs and organizations to join in a state wide effort toward the enlistment of sufficient number of Women's Army Corps recruits who may be trained for aid to those now being brought home from the scenes of war and placed in military hospitals for the purposes of treatment and convalescence from injuries they have suffered in our behalf.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota to be affixed this 10th day of March 1945.

Governor

Attest:
Secretary of State